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## TORTURE OF GARZA IS DENIED

### PURYEAR IS INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

#### Negligent Homicide is Charged to Driver in Crash Fatal to Mission Girl

AUSTIN, Tex., June 25.—(AP)—Grady Puryear of Austin was indicted Friday by the Travis county grand jury on two charges of negligent homicide in connection with the automobile accident here a week ago, when Isabelle Crozier of Dallas and Louise Speer of Mission, University of Texas students, lost their lives.

Puryear is still out on two bonds totalling \$3,000.

Both charges in the second degree are misdemeanors and the maximum penalty is one year in jail and a fine of \$1,000 for each. The grand jury made no mention of the charge in justice court here, filed by a city detective, alleging that Puryear was driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

The grand jury reported after being in session since Monday, when called specifically by Judge James R. Hamilton of the criminal district court to investigate the triple collision which killed the two popular city girls, and injured two and a woman.

### WORK UNDER WAY ON POINT ROAD

Work on the Barred-Point Isabel road is progressing rapidly, according to reports reaching the county engineer's office in Brownsville.

Several of the structures, including bridges and culverts, already have been constructed, while equipment and men for the dirt work are on the ground. The contract was let to Armstrong & Armstrong and the dirt work is being done by Walter Vann. Dirt work is being done at two different places, near the bay and east of the Fresno tract.

### First Beet Sugar of Louisiana Marketed

NEW ORLEANS, La., June 25.—(AP)—The first consignment of beet sugar raised and manufactured in Louisiana was sold today on the floor of the Louisiana Sugar and Rice exchange. The shipment, consisting of fifty pockets, came from the Louisiana state university experiment station and was classed as "choice white." The price paid was \$5.60 net.

TO BUILD HOME  
PHARR.—J. D. McCaleb, who moved here recently from Edinburg, announces that he will start construction at once on a residence here, and that in the near future he expects to erect several brick buildings in the business district of Pharr, having secured land here in the business district.

### THE WEATHER

For Brownsville and the Lower Rio Grande Valley: Partly cloudy and somewhat unsettled tonight and Saturday; moderate temperature.

For East Texas: Partly cloudy to cloudy tonight and Saturday. Light to moderate shifting winds on the coast, probably becoming southeast Saturday.

Station	Flood Height since last stage of river report	Change
Del Rio	16	2.8
Eagle Pass	27	0.2
Laredo	27	0.2
Rio Grande City	15	6.5
Mission	24	11.4
San Benito	21	17.5
Brownsville	21	17.5

River Forecast  
The river will continue to rise at Brownsville reaching nearly bankfull late this afternoon or tonight, then remain practically stationary for several days. At San Benito it will remain about two-thirds bankfull for the next day or two, and above San Benito there will be no material change.

### MAGGIE SUES FOR JEWELS



Maggie Melier, of the famous "Fahmi Bey" case which thrilled London in particular and the world in general three years ago, has brought suit now to recover "certain royal jewels" which were taken by members of Fahmi Bey's family. It will be recalled that Maggie Melier, as Fahmi Bey's princess, shot and killed her husband and was afterward acquitted. Her present suit to recover the famous jewels, said to be valued at millions, gives promise of another sensational legal show.

### DEATH CALLS DR. WORTMAN

#### Led Life of Scholar And Had Varied Experiences

Dr. J. L. Wortman died early this morning at his home at 516 Elizabeth street at the age of 63 years and 10 months, ending a career of scholarly research filled with varied and colorful experiences.

Funeral services are being conducted at 5:30 today from the Hinkley funeral parlors with Rev. R. O. Mackintosh, Episcopal rector, in charge.

Dr. Wortman was born on August 25, 1865, in Oregon City, Oregon where he received his early education. He attended Oregon university and later went to Columbia university in New York City where he got his M. D. and Ph. D. degrees. He taught paleontology in Yale university for some time and then did research work for the American Museum in Natural History. While with the museum he went on several expeditions to the west looking for fossils and had many experiences with the Indians. He practiced medicine in the army during the Spanish-American war and came to Brownsville in 1907.

In 1912 he was married to Eugenie Brulay of Brownsville. He studied oil geology and went to Mexico where he stayed for five years. He left there after the revolution there in 1916. He gave up his Mexican property, consisting of oil lands and mines, and began looking after his interests in the Wilson tract.

Dr. Wortman is survived by his wife, two daughters, Marie and Jeannie, and two brothers, John and Christian, both of whom are living in Oregon. Little Miss Marie is in St. Paul, Minn., at present.

BRIGHTON, Eng.—Policemen, dressed as women, secured evidence on which a notorious dancing club was ordered closed.

### RADIO PROGRAM

ON SATURDAY  
12 m.—Weather forecast, river bulletin, songs by Miss Minnie Moore Myers of Austin, Texas, accompanying herself on the guitar.  
8 p. m.—Xylophone duets by G. E. and Tom Pendergraft.

### POSSE HEADED BY EVANGELIST HUNTS CABIN

#### Mrs. M'Pherson Makes Threat to Sue For Libel Damages on Account of Stories

DOUGLAS, Ariz., June 25 (AP)—Heading a party which included Herman Cline, Los Angeles detective chief, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, her mother, A. B. Murchison, Douglas police sergeant, the chief of police of Agua Prieta, Sonora, and Charles Cross, trucker and guide, Aime Semple McPherson early today started for the San Bernardino ranch, southwest of here, in search of a cabin in which the evangelist said she had been held captive by three kidnapers.

The searchers left in their automobiles. They will stop at the Slaughter ranch, in the vicinity of their objective, and will continue the trip over the desolate plains of Sonora on horseback.

Before leaving Cline made the statement that they would stick to the hunt as long as Mrs. McPherson was able, in her weakened condition, taking a week if necessary.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., June 25.—(AP)—The filing of "several libel suits," upon her return to Los Angeles, were threatened by Aime Semple McPherson, Angelus Temple Evangelist, before a gathering of newspaper men here this morning. While she addressed the representatives of the press and Herman Cline, Los Angeles chief of detectives, the evangelist trembled with anger at what she termed to be the "unfairness" of some reporters.

She especially resented the appellation, she said, of "self styled healer." (Continued on page two.)

### JONES OWNER OF CHRONICLE

#### Announcement Made of Sale of Foster's Interest

HOUSTON, Texas, June 25.—(AP)—Jess H. Jones, of Houston, capitalist, today announced he had acquired control of the Houston Chronicle. The announcement said that M. E. Foster, its founder and publisher, had disposed of his stock in the newspaper to Mr. Jones and had retired from its active management but would continue to write for the paper over his own signature on a permanent connection basis.

"The change in his status," the announcement said, "will enable him to enjoy the ease which his efforts and abilities have earned."

C. B. Gillespie, managing editor since the Chronicle was founded about 25 years ago, except for a brief period, becomes active head of the paper as vice president and editor; G. J. Palmer is made vice president and business manager and will be assisted by Steve Kelton for a decade manager of national advertising, and by G. L. Mims, in charge of auditing and accounts.

George W. Cottingham, news editor, is promoted to managing editor. All other employees remain unchanged on the staff.

### FIRE DESTROYS HEWITT HOUSE

Fire destroyed the residence of W. W. Hewitt, located just across the "nigger" bridge seven miles outside of Brownsville on the right side of the highway going out.

The fire started at 8 o'clock Thursday night. The origin of the fire was not determined. It is not known whether Mr. Hewitt carried insurance on the dwelling.

### MONTY QUITS RACE

McALLEN.—P. E. Montgomery has withdrawn as a candidate for the democratic nomination for County commissioner of this district. He gave pressure of personal affairs as his reason for not remaining in the race.

### LIGHTNING STRIKES STOVEPIPE; INJURES SEVERAL IN DUGOUT

AMARILLO, Tex., June 26.—(AP)—Two men, one woman and two children were painfully burned last night when lightning struck a stove pipe leading from a dugout six miles south of Shamrock. They had taken refuge during a very severe hail and electrical storm. The injured are Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Eastman, and two children, and George Groom. Groom was seriously injured than the others. Groom and Eastman are farmers who live near Shamrock. Thousands of acres of wheat and row crops were damaged and six miles of highway between Shamrock and Wheeler was washed out by cloudburst and hail storm.

### G.O.P. CLIQUES DECLARE WAR

#### Fight Spreads to Include Battle For State Control

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, June 25.—(AP)—Leaders of both factions announced a fight to the finish, and battle lines were tightly drawn, as a fight for statewide control of the republican party in Texas between Harry M. Wurzbach and the Creager-Nolte faction got under way in San Antonio Friday.

Congressman Wurzbach, surrounded by his supporters at his headquarters here issued a defi to Creager-Nolte leader, and predicted that state control of the party is a short distance away.

A short distance away, R. B. Creager, national committeeman, state chairman Eugene Nolte and Leonard Withington, state secretary, were in conference. Although declining to comment specifically, Creager virtually admitted that the fight no longer is between opposing forces of the fourteenth district but that control of the entire state is the objective of both factions.

### FOOD RUSHED TO MEXICO SUFFERERS

MEXICO CITY, June 25 (AP)—Food is being rushed into the town of Leon, state of Guanajuato, where flood waters from the Gomez river for several days have been working havoc. Four densely populated sections of the town have been completely swept by the waters. It is believed there have been numerous drownings. The water is subsiding, although torrential rains continue.

Hundreds of persons have taken refuge in the hills about Leon. In portions of the town which are not inundated parents are seeking missing children, while children who have been given refuge in churches, the municipal palace and other stone buildings in the center of the city are longing for missing parents. Hundreds of children are being given shelter by the authorities.

### FUND COMMITTEE IS IN SESSION

Members of the sub-committee on the Villa Maria drive for a \$5,000 bonus to be used towards furthering the erection of \$300,000 in buildings at the institution are meeting this afternoon to consider ways and means for raising the money.

The committee is considering the best method of securing pledges towards this fund. The institution contemplates the erection of a \$250,000 administration building and intends to have a college plant of junior rank within a few years. Villa Maria Academy has been conducted by the Sisters of the Incarnate Word for almost 75 years.

Members of the committee meeting today are Dick Morris, C. P. Barreda, Grover Wagner and Emmett Dodd.

### Opera Singers Are to Entertain Over Radio

Members of the David Silva grand opera troupe, who have just completed long engagements in Houston and San Antonio and who are appearing at the Queen theater here tonight, will sing over the radio at 8 o'clock this evening.

### WILSON SPENT \$88 ON RACE IN PENNSYLVANIA

#### Democratic Nominee For Senate Before Campaign Probers; To Recall Wheeler

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 25 (AP)—William B. Wilson, secretary of labor under Woodrow Wilson and now democratic nominee for senator in Pennsylvania, was questioned today by senate campaign funds committee.

The witness said his personal expenses in the primary campaign amounted to \$88.81. He added that he was associated in the campaign with William E. Porter one of the defeated candidates for governor, and that their campaign committee spent about \$10,000.

"Four thousand of that has been paid," said Wilson, "and \$6,000 was obligated to be paid later."

Picking up an itemized statement filed by Wilson, Chairman Reed mused over it smilingly, and said:

"I see some startling accounts here for meals at the William Penn hotel in Pittsburgh. Here is one of ninety cents, and still another of seventy cents. You get as low as sixty for a restaurant meal."

After a laugh all round, the former labor secretary said the \$10,000 outlay of the Wilson-Porter committee included all money spent in the cities and counties.

"Did you have watchers at the polls at \$10 a day or \$5 a day?" asked Senator King, democrat, Utah.

"Not that I know of," Wilson said. "We got only about \$4,500, and not very many watchers could be employed at that rate."

Who guaranteed the remainder of the \$10,000?

"Vance McCormick," he referred to the Harrisburg publisher and former chairman of the democratic national committee.

After Wilson had left the stand (Continued on Page Two.)

### HOUSE SUSPENDS DEPUTY SPEAKER

LONDON, June 25 (AP)—Persistent interruptions by labor members today during the course of a debate on a motion to revoke the British trade agreement with Soviet Russia, resulted in suspension of the sitting by Deputy Speaker Hope, who was presiding over the house.

The laborites became turbulent during a speech by Sir Austen Chamberlain in which he discussed the question of Russian gold being sent to England to aid the striking miners.

He said that he could not see any difference between money being sent directly by the soviet government and money collected by capitalists from Russian workmen and remitted in breach of, or by special exceptions to, the Soviet law regarding the export of funds.

### SUIT AGAINST MRS. NALLE OPENS

AUSTIN, Texas, June 25 (AP)—Because her former partner, Mrs. Ouida Ferguson Nalle, is the daughter of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, they were able to write many remunerative bonds for highway contractors.

Mrs. Yett is suing Mrs. Nalle for \$939, which she contends is her share of the commission on a state highway contract bond.

Mrs. Nalle and Mrs. Yett's four years partnership in the Capitol insurance agency was terminated October 1, 1925, Mrs. Yett said. She declared that before the dissolution, Mrs. Nalle had written a bond for the W. L. Pearson Construction company of Houston to cover a \$939,000 highway contract for Duval county and that the firm's commission was \$1,878.

"Our business began to pick up when Mrs. Ferguson was inaugurated governor in January, 1925," Mrs. Yett said.

### RIO GRANDE RISING

The Rio Grande is expected to rise until it is about bank-full in Brownsville and below as the result of rains above this point.

## Mayor of City Claims Attack Outside of Jail

Natividad Garza, who is in the hospital here with a broken arm, a sprained shoulder and other bruises which he told officers he had suffered at the hands of Mexican authorities while in the Matamoros jail, was not a prisoner on Wednesday when he said the attack was made, according to a statement made to The Herald today by Jesus M. Cardenas, mayor of the Mexican city.

Mayor Cardenas also denied that Ramon Longoria, United States immigration officer, had been arrested. He said Longoria had gone before the court voluntarily when he heard he was being sought for questioning.

Garza, who was found wandering along the banks of the Rio Grande near midnight Wednesday in a semi-conscious state, told officers he had been attacked in the Mexican jail when he denied any knowledge of the shooting on June 7 of

### S. P. READY TO BUILD RAILWAY

#### I. C. C. Decision On Line to Valley May Come by July 1

HOUSTON, Tex., June 25 (AP)—No time will be lost by the Southern Pacific in beginning construction of the "Sap" extension from Falfurrias into the Lower Rio Grande Valley if the Interstate Commerce Commission approves the project, according to W. R. Scott, president of the Texas and Louisiana lines.

Hearings and arguments on the application for permit to build the extension were completed several months ago. The commission will adjourn July 1 for the summer recess. There is a possibility that the decision will be made known before that adjournment.

If that is done, it is understood the company will be ready to start work on the extension this summer.

Congressman Garner when in Brownsville recently expressed the belief that the Southern Pacific would be granted a permit to extend its lines into the Valley from Falfurrias. He said that should the permit be denied a new survey of development would be started immediately by the railroad on which to base a new application for the permit.

### HARDIN PLEADS FOR HIGH TARIFF

MERCEDES, Texas, June 25.—A high tariff for the protection of stockmen and farmers is the main plank in the platform of Sid Hardin, candidate for congressman from the fifteenth district against John N. Garner. Hardin will speak in Mercedes tonight.

Touching on the spirit of democracy from the time of Jefferson to that of Davis, Mr. Hardin in a speech last night in Weslaco pointed out that all had been in favor of protection through tariff. Representative Garner had voted "no" on each constructive measure introduced during his term relative to protection through tariff, as shown by the Congressional Record, said Mr. Hardin.

Conditions existing in the Valley during the time of the marketing of onions when carloads rotted in Wilacy county as a result of underselling by Egyptian markets was pointed out as proof of the need of such a tariff.

### WESLACO HOTEL NOW IS ASSURED

(Special to The Herald.)  
WESLACO, Tex., June 25.—A new modern hotel is assured for Weslaco as the result of a meeting of the hotel committee here this morning at which the plans of Clarence Sheffield of Dallas were approved.

Mr. Sheffield announced immediately following the approval of the plans that the contract for the hotel would be let and construction started.

The hotel is to have 100 rooms and is to be erected at a cost of approximately \$250,000. It is to be a five story structure.

R. C. Waters is chairman of the committee.

Mayor Cardenas said Garza was arrested Sunday morning on charges preferred by a sister of the slain man but that he was freed Monday when the complaint was found to be unfounded. The officers know nothing of Garza's movements following his release, he said, and had no information of the man being attacked.

The sister had charged that Garza threatened to slay her other brothers.

"It is the desire of Matamoros officials to see that American citizens visiting our country are given every protection," Mayor Cardenas said, "and it is wholly untrue that Garza was tortured or mistreated in any way while in the hands of Mexican officials."

"We wish every American to feel free to visit our town and country at any time and we guarantee their absolute safety. We seek to maintain friendship and good feeling between the cities of Brownsville and Matamoros and between the nations of the United States and Mexico."

Mayor Cardenas was accompanied to Brownsville by Salvador Cardenas, city manager of Matamoros.

Conflicting statements concerning the details of the affair have been made since Garza was discovered on this side of the river by his friend, Ramon Longoria of the United States immigration service, and Sheriff L. D. Nichols of Cameron county.

In a statement from his bed at Mercy hospital to The Herald Friday morning Garza denied that he had been injured in jail but said the alleged attack had taken place after he left it to go to the American side. He said that he made his previous statements while suffering from the hurts and that he should not have made a statement at that time because he was unable to concentrate on account of the pain. He was unwilling to discuss the whole affair Friday morning with The Herald.

He still appeared to be in great pain and writhed about on his bed.

A. C. Vasquez, Mexican consul here, said that he interviewed Garza at the hospital Thursday afternoon to determine whether the alleged torture occurred within the jail. Mr. Vasquez said the reason he wished to ascertain this fact was because the Mexican nationals in the Cameron county jail are well treated and that he wished Americans in the Matamoros jail to be given the same sort of consideration. Mr. Vasquez also asserted that Garza told him he had been hurt outside of the jail and on the street and not in jail according to a previous story.

Sheriff L. D. Nichols Friday morning said that Garza was suffering intense pain when he interviewed him Wednesday night at Mercy Hospital and that there was a possibility that this might account for a variance in the statements made.

L. D. Brewster, chief of the immigration service here, said that he was going to get a sworn statement from Garza as soon as he was able to speak without being distracted by the pain of his injuries.

'EMPTY GUN' KILLS BOY, 18, AT WACO

WACO, Texas, June 25 (AP)—Removing the magazine from an automatic pistol but forgetting that one cartridge remained in the barrel, resulted in the death here last night of Herbert Trimmer, 18. Witnesses said Trimmer placed the pistol to his head and pulled the trigger while in a playful mood.

The bullet ploughed through the brain and he died two hours later.

### CONGRESSMAN FULLER DIES

ROCHESTER, Minn., June 25.—Charles E. Fuller, 70, congressman from the 12th Illinois district, died here today. Death was caused by cancer.